

NEXT GENERATION MERCHANDISING SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Trays within a given level of a drum-type vending
5 machine form individual zones, and may be further
subdivided into additional individual zones, for which
pricing may be separately specified. A vend door for the
corresponding level is constrained to allow access to a
given zone upon payment of the appropriate amount. More
10 levels and greater flexibility in pricing and product
selection are thus enabled, together with greater control
over vending operations.